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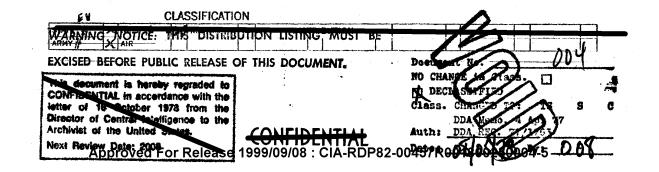
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- 1. In May 1948, the Peiping Soviet Consulate was promoted to the rank of consulate general. Salaries of employees and workmen of the consulate were raised 30 percent as of 1 May and now include free lodging, light and heat.
- 2. At the April 1948 general meeting of the Peiping Soviet Citizens' Association, Consul General Tikhvinsky referred to the "anticipated o cupation of North China by the Chinese Communists' People's Liberation Army" and said that "with this occupation, Soviet officials and their bureaus will have to withdraw for the time being." He advised the election of courageous officials who will "protect the Soviet citizens during that period."
- 3. At this April 1948 meeting Tikhvinsky also stated that the Feiping Soviet population numbered 180 adults (males and females) and that 35 of this group were prepared for the next repatriation;—three of the 35 were regular Peiping residents and the remainder jobless new arrivals. With reference to the anticipated third repatriation, applications of the Soviet citizens of Peiping fell far below Tikhvinsky's expectations. He has ordered that no more letters from former repatriates be permitted to reach Peiping for he believes that these letters are the cause for the reluctance of the people to be repatriated.
- 4. Tikhvinsky has told close friends that the Soviet Consulate has received orders to send nearly all the consulate personnel to the USSR, naming S. S. Seryogin, Guzov, and Kovenko (full names unknown) and their families. New Moscow dispatched personnel for reiping are expected to arrive in Shanghai from the USSR to replace the (Peiping) locally-hired employees who in general have proved unreliable and who have been given applications for repatriation.
- 5. Among those Soviet citizens of Feiping who are prepared for repatrition is the Zimbalov family: Colonel Silvestr Semenevich, an accountant and book-keeper; his daughter Yulia whose Soviet activities at the National Library are questionable; and daughter Yelizeveta who does translations from English and French into the Russian language for students and professors in Feiping through her sister Yulia.



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6. Included among those Soviet citizens in Peiping who have returned to emigre status or who are seeking to do so are the following:

Nikolai Kulayev.

Dr. Beneradsky.

Mrs. Sukhorukova, a member of the Executive Committee of the Soviet Momens' Assoc. Mrs. Makletsova, a member of the Executive Committee of the Soviet Momens' Assoc. Professor Makletsova.

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Priest Mikolai, who has alre dy returned his Soviet passport. Stefan Zabrodin and his wife, who have returned their Soviet passports.

- 7. N. N. Petrov, partner in the ownership of the restaurant-cafe-beer hall "Arkazanov" (also reported as "Alkazar"), which is used as a meeting place for Soviet political workers, has given instructions to the cashier to collect all incoming American silver coins which "we have to give to the Soviet Consulate." Petrov, a former policeman, receives a monthly salary from the Soviet Consulate equaling US \$120 and bonuses for special work.

  Arkazanov (full name unknown), the other partner and owner of the cafe, is an old artist and Soviet political worker who was active in Harbin during the Japanese occupation. He is a stout man, 60 years of age, has grey hair, and wears a small Tartar cap during the summer. He is married and lives with his wife in the Cafe building, which he owns.
- 8. P. I. Podkosov of the Tientsin Soviet Consulate, has been transferred by Tientsin Acting Consul Titov to the Feiping Consulate as quartermaster in charge of household. He will also continue his duties as courier between Feiping and Tientsin. Podkosov has also been named among those due for repatriation in the near future.
- 9. Dudukov (full name unknown), bookkeeper at the Peiping Consulate, will assume the duties of Secretary during Seryogin's frequent absences on flights to Mukden.
- 10. Consul Tikhvinsky has instructed the directors of the Soviet School in Peiping that the school will not open next autumn because of the small enrollment.

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